PrINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

05/12/2014

As this is the last newsletter for the year, it is a pertinent time to reflect on the year and the many achievements. 2014 is the last year that year 7s will be part of the primary sector and movement of year 7 into secondary has created many problems for schools around Queensland. The loss of two cohorts (2014s year 6s and 7s) has meant that numerous primary school numbers have suffered significant decreases, which in many cases has meant a decrease in staff. Secondary schools are faced with an influx of cohorts and the resultant demand for more infrastructure and staffing, as well as training staff in understanding the younger secondary students.

The Department of Education, Training and Employment has invested significant funding into preparing schools with regards to the movement of year 7s into secondary school. As a result all schools have had ample preparation and training for this change and in fact I believe that no other change has been better managed. Even though Calen is a P-12 campus we have been involved in Junior Secondary training and been involved in Junior Secondary Peer Review, the results of which were positive and complimentary.

It is interesting that 2014 marks the moving of year 7s to secondary school because fifty years ago, year 8 (or scholarship as it had been known) moved from primary school to secondary. This action and the Education Act which made secondary education free and accessible for all students, created a demand for secondary schools. New high schools were built and secondary departments were added to existing primary schools such as Calen, Cloncurry, Springsure and Barcaldine. Like many secondary schools around Queensland, we celebrated fifty years of secondary education at Calen this year. It was wonderful to see so many former students and teachers return for this celebration. One of our special guests was Helen Richards who came to Calen direct from Teachers’ Training College, fifty years ago. Helen met up with her year 9 class. Thanks to the 50th Anniversary committee consisting of Mary Wallace, Gail Pratt, Jannie Weymouth, Casey Lindsay, Natasha King, Peta Sturdy and Amy Trembath for making this such a memorable event.

Our students have succeeded academically, culturally and on the sporting field and our school magazine captures these moments.

As I mentioned in my address at Awards Night, this is a fantastic school with great facilities and other resources, but facilities and building don’t just make a great school. The essential ingredients are the people – conscientious and co-operative students, dedicated and committed staff, a hard-working and effective P&C and supportive parents. Thank you for your support and continued efforts.

Have a fantastic break, a merry festive season with your family and an exciting New Year. If you are travelling – stay safe. Remember – when we are driving we worry about the car in front and the car behind but the driver we need to take the most care about is behind the one in front and in front of the one behind.

See you next year.

Brian O’Neill
Principal
A very big thank you to everyone who has helped the P&C this year, we would not have been able to achieve everything that we have without your help and support. Don’t forget about our Calen Community Christmas Party on Friday 5th December and the Break-up Day on Thursday 11th December. Again, we are looking for volunteers for both of these events. If you are able to spare a few hours for either events, it would be greatly appreciated. The P&C is holding its last meeting for the year on Tuesday the 9th December 2014, starting at 3:15pm in the school’s staff lounge room in the administration building with free babysitting available. Merry Christmas to all and remember to stay safe during the holidays.

2014 COMMITTEE

President: Casey Lindsay
Treasurer: Sue Spreadborough
Secretary: Peta Sturdy
Vice President: Amy Trembath
Vice President: Natasha King
Fundraising/Grants Director: Dianna Sutton

PRIMARY END OF SEMESTER EXCURSION

This is a reminder that Primary students will be going on their end of year excursion next Wednesday the 10th December 2014. Students in Prep-Year 2 will be going to Gymnastics’ Mackay, Blue Water Lagoon and Hungry Jack’s. Years 3-7 will be going to the Mackay Leisure Centre, Blue Water Lagoon and McDonald’s.

BOOKLISTS AND REPORT CARDS

Report Cards and Booklists for 2015 will be handed out to students on the last day of school for Term 4. If your student is not in attendance on that day, their information will be mailed out. Should you not receive your child’s Report Card or Booklist, please contact the school on 49497333 or email admin@calendsc.eq.edu.au

HOLIDAY SAFE WATCH FOR SCHOOL

Keep a Watch on our School These Holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number –13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the School Watch Program, please call the department’s School Security Program on 3237 0874.

This is a reminder to all students and the wider community; please note that nobody should be on the school grounds during the school holidays. If you enter the school grounds during the school holidays, you will be reported via the School Watch system.

MOVING FAMILIES

The school office asks families, that if they know they are moving away from our community and will not be attending Calen District State College in 2015, could they please advise the office so that we can adjust our enrolment numbers. Likewise, if you know of a family that is moving into our community and plan to attend our school in2015, we need to know this information as well. It is important that we have the correct enrolments numbers to secure funding which in turns affects the number of teaching hours, support staff hours and classroom resources.

BUS NEWS

Next year due to Translink’s optimisation our Hampden/Narpi and Mt Ossa/Mt Pelion/Kolijo bus services will combine. The new bus run will only travel as far south as Geebergia-Buthurra Road into Royston Park. A new approximate timetable has been issued to all current students. Any queries or new students please phone Vicki Black (07) 49588087
SCHOOL FEES AND SRS AGREEMENTS

Enclosed with your child’s Report Card and Booklist, are the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) Participation Agreement Forms (green for secondary students and blue for primary students). These forms have been partially completed with the student and parent/carer details already inserted, however the sections listed below still need to be completed:

- Tick YES or NO to indicate if you wish to participate in the scheme
- Insert the total participation fee amount (SRS Year Level Fee + Yr 11/12 Subject Fees if applicable)
- Sign and date the Parent/Carer section
- Record the payment arrangement and method of payment

Once these forms have been fully completed, they need to be returned to the office as soon as possible (preferably within the first three weeks of school for 2015). These forms need to be returned to the office so that students can be invoiced for their school fees. **Students will not be eligible for extracurricular activities (formal, rewards day, camps, excursions etc.) if they have not returned their SRS Participation Agreement Form, paid their fees or arranged a payment plan.**

PAYMENT OF SCHOOL FEES VIA CENTREPAY

Our school is now registered to receive payments via Centrepay Deductions. Centrepay is a free and voluntary direct bill paying service available to customers who receive a Centrelink payment (Family Tax Benefit, parenting allowances etc). Instead of having large bills every year, you can pay your school fees via manageable amounts automatically deducted from your Centrelink payment, making budgeting easier. Centrepay does not charge you any fee to deduct the money from your payments. The minimum payment amount for Centrepay deductions is $10 per fortnight. To start Centrepay deductions, you can: contact the school’s administration team who can arrange it for you; online using the Department of Human Services’ online accounts; telephone Depart of Human Services or complete a Centrepay Deduction Form.

WORK EXPERIENCE

In 2015 all students in years 10, 11 and 12 will be doing one week’s work experience. The dates for this Work Experience are the 23rd to the 27th February 2015. This Work Experience is a compulsory activity and employer preference forms have been sent home, so that parents and students can be proactive and work on them during the school holidays. The
Listed below are our students who have been presented with either an award certificate or have been given recognition during assembly for positive behaviour between the 3rd to 13th November 2014. Well done!

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EVERY DAY COUNTS CLASS TRACKER

This edition the year 5/6/7 class achieved the most days at 100% attendance for the first time this year, with a total of six (6) days recorded for the period.

With this latest addition, the Year 9 class have won the year with a total of 83 days at 100% attendance—as you will see from the progressive totals displayed in the table to the right.

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CORRECT SHOES

This is a very important reminder to parents, when shopping for new school shoes that the Uniform Policy requires shoes to be preferably plain black sandshoes with no brightly coloured sneakers, sandals or slip on. Shoes must be Velcro or lace up. Leather uppers are compulsory for students doing manual arts, construction, home economics and science subjects.

FOUND

If your child has attended any of the Active After School swimming sessions this term, parents could you please check to ensure that they have brought home the correct size school shirt. In the office we have a size 14 school shirt which was found at the pool following an Active after school swimming session. If you think this shirt could belong to your family and your child has brought home the wrong size shirt instead of this unclaimed size 14, please contact Sue Spreadborough at the school office to exchange the shirts.

TAX FILE NUMBER FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Secondary students can get their Tax File Number (TFN) through the school’s TFN program at the school office. When a student applies for a TFN through our school, they do not have to provide the ATO with any documents to prove their identity because this is confirmed through their school records. They do need to include details on their application form from their Australian Birth or Citizenship Certificate, or their Australian Passport. Schools check that the student’s details on the form match school records and once completed and certified, the applications are sent to the ATO for processing. TFN Application for Secondary School Students are available from the school office for students aged 13 years or over.

CHANGE TO RADIO FREQUENCY RANGE

Australian Communications and Media Authority

ACMA
There has been some changes made to radio frequency/waves. From January 1st 2015, 4G mobile services will be delivered using the 694-820 MHz radio waves that means wireless microphones, PA systems, UHF Radio’s etc. currently using radio waves in the 694-820 (MHz) range will no longer be allowed. For all you need to know about wireless microphones, head to www.wirelessmicrophones.gov.au

ORIENTATION DAY

On Tuesday 2nd December, six of our current year 8 students volunteered to be mentors for our Orientation Day. The students shown in this picture were the mentors, and they helped the new students for 2015 get acquainted with our school.

Thank you to Kelly, Jack, Gorgia, Ella, Emma and Sasha. From all reports, the new students had a very enjoyable day and are now looking forward to coming to school at Calen.

SECONDARY SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015

Congratulations to the following students for successfully being elected as the 2015 secondary school leaders.

Secondary School Captains

Angie
Lane

Secondary Student Council Executives

Tiarna
President
Jacob
Treasurer
Grace
Secretary
Axel
Public Relations

Secondary Sports House Captains

Angie
Axel
Paris
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### Primary Sports House Captains

#### MERCURY

- **Captains:** Varonica, Damon
- **Vice Captains:** Jody, Jack

#### NEPTUNE

- **Captains:** Jorja, Jesse
- **Vice Captains:** Armani, Dylan
YEAR 6/7 GRADUATION DINNER

On Tuesday 2nd December the year 6 and 7 students, together with their families gathered at Magpie’s Sky Function Room to celebrate their graduation from primary school. The event was organised by their class teacher Ms Natasha Allen and she made the evening a wonderful success with all of her hard work. Ms Allen created placemats for all the guests which featured pictures of the students when they were younger, she also handcrafted chocolate scholar hats trinkets to put on the tables as well as designing a newspaper flyer which featured the students names throughout. The night was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with a beautiful meal and another mind blowing cake creation by Nat Askew Cakes and Bakes which was eaten by the guests for dessert.

MAILBOXES

The 5/6/7 class designed recycled mailboxes as part of their technology assessment. Featured below are some of the examples and Joshua kindly donated his John Deere tractor mailbox to the C&K Kindy.

MESSAGE FROM SECONDARY HPE

I would just like to say a big thank you to all teachers, staff, parents, students and the wider Calen community for making my first year here in Calen an absolute blast. I have met so many of you through different means and everyone has made me feel at home here, so thank you all again. Have a safe and happy holiday, I’ll see you all again next year!

SCHOOL CLOSURE INFORMATION

In the event of a natural disaster - Access to school closure information

1. QSchools app
   The QSchools app will provide up-to-date information about school closures, in the event of a natural disaster causing damage to the school or preventing access to the school. Visit the department’s apps page for more information and all the features: [http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/](http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/)  The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Window’s store.

2. Websites
   Up-to-date information about school closures can be accessed on the following websites.
   - School Closure Website: [http://esc.eq.edu.au](http://esc.eq.edu.au)
Thank you to all of the families who have supported our school’s canteen for 2014 and we would like to advise that Tuesday the 9th December will be the last day for canteen this year.

The canteen will reopen during week two of the 2015 school year (Monday 2nd February 2015) and listed below is the new 2015 Canteen Order Form.

Additional copies can be printed out via the link in our electronic newsletter.

**GIVEAWAY**

To give away one male guinea pig.

Cage is also available to give away.

Phone or text Sarah on 0413 255 437.

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### Calen District State College Canteen Order Form - 2015

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<td>Pizza Rounda</td>
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**Drinks**

| Flav Milk (Choc/ Straw)                  | 300ml | $2.20 |
| Flav Milk (Choc/ Straw )                 | 500ml | $3.50 |
| Juice (Apple/Orange)                     | 500ml | $3.00 |
| Water                                    | 600ml | $1.00 |
| Quench                                   | 350ml | $3.00 |

**Other**

| Frozen Fruit Sticks                      | $0.50 |
| Fandangle Ice Creams                     | $2.00 |
| Chips                                    | 28gms | $2.00 |

**Total Cost** -$__________________

**Amount of change if needed** - $__________________

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**STAY COOL, BE SHADY & PROTECT YOUR HEALTH**

Queensland Health is urging families to take care of their health as the state heads into summer holidays.

Measures such as staying indoors or in the shade in very hot weather, taking cool showers or baths, limiting strenuous outdoor activity and drinking plenty of fluids can help to prevent heat-related illness.

It is equally important to monitor family, friends and neighbours who may be more prone to heat-related illness. These include the elderly, infants, overweight and obese people, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and people with some pre-existing health conditions.

Queensland Health is also urging families to avoid any summer tragedies by remembering how quickly the temperature inside a vehicle can rise. If you have to leave the car always take children and/or animals with you.

FREE WORKSHOPS DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

PHONE: (07) 4949 7333

FAX: (07) 4949 7300
Symbiosis
cool ceramics | warm textiles

Inspired by the Great Barrier Reef, Symbiosis is a collaborative installation by two ceramic artists, Lalune Croker and Joanne Wood and textile artist Tracey Robb.

Upstairs Gallery
Paxton’s Building
March 6th to 31st 2015

Opening Night
March 6th
6:00pm

Free Ceramic and Textile Workshops
Tracey Robb, Joanne Wood and Lalune Croker invite people of all ages to come and make Great Barrier Reef critters and corals to be part of the installation. Limited spaces are available in the workshops so please book ahead.

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The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Mackay Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.

BLOOMSBURY HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY
HOLIDAY SAFETY NOTICE FROM QLD RAIL

Your safety

With the upcoming school holidays, Queensland Rail is urging families and students to be Railsmart by following these simple rules at level crossings and around rail property:

- Pay attention to signs and signals
- Never enter a level crossing if the red lights are flashing and pedestrian gates/boom gates are closed
- Always look for the second train
- Keep yourself and your mates safe by not taking shortcuts and unnecessary risks around tracks
- Avoid the distractions of headphones and mobile phones
- Trains can weigh upwards of 10,000 tonnes and take 2 kms to stop

Disobeying level crossing signals or trespassing on railway property is not only dangerous, but illegal and could result in prosecution.

Queensland Rail is encouraging parents and schools to discuss this important safety information with their students and children, empowering them to be Railsmart.

Further information and activities for teachers and students can be found at queenslandrail.com.au/railsmart or beonthesafeside.com.au
CALEN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR A LITTLE

JINGLE & MINGLE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AT 5.30PM
CALEN MEMORIAL HALL

CAROLS, PUPPET SHOW, RAFFLES, PHOTOS WITH SANTA (BYO CAMERA), BBQ, CANDLES, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

LET'S CELEBRATE.